

**PATENT APPLICATION**  
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of Docket No: Q76605

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Appln. No.: Divisional of Serial No. 09/189,977

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For: **ETCHING SUBSTRATE MATERIAL, ETCHING PROCESS, AND ARTICLE  
OBTAINED BY ETCHING**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This is a divisional of Application No. 09/189,977 filed November 12, 1998; the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**Please cancel claims 5-12 without prejudice or disclaimer.**